

RESOLUTION NO. 87-48

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE DELTA LEVEE
REHABILITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, 40 percent of the runoff in California drains to the Delta and 60 percent of the State's diverted water for municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses passes through the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta, and maintaining the integrity of Delta levees is critical for maintaining water quality, water transport capability, and flood control; and

WHEREAS, the Delta is important for recreational uses including boating, fishing, sight seeing, and hunting, and the Delta is an important habitat for fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Delta is an important agricultural producing area for California and supports extensive water-related commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Delta contains highways, railways, ship channels, pipelines, and power lines; and

WHEREAS, Delta levees are continuing to deteriorate despite increased maintenance efforts by local districts; and

WHEREAS, for the period 1980 to 1985, Federal agencies paid \$67 million, State agencies paid \$29 million, and local agencies paid \$5.8 million for emergency disaster relief in the Delta -- total cost (1980-85) = \$101,800.00 or an average of \$20,360,000 per year for emergency disaster relief in the Delta -- and many of these costs could have been avoided if an adequate program existed for ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation of Delta levees; and

WHEREAS, existing programs for State funding of Delta levee maintenance of \$2 million per year is inadequate; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1982 completed a draft feasibility study report for a comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation program which is currently awaiting review; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Delta Task Force in 1983 recommended a comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation program where all beneficiaries pay for comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi supports an accelerated, ongoing, comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation program consistent with the Emergency Delta Task Force report where the beneficiaries pay for improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi supports an immediate State/local program of Delta levee maintenance to be credited toward a future Federal program which increases the amount of funds available to rehabilitate and maintain Delta levees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi will work cooperatively with other agencies and organizations to implement a comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation program which will save taxpayers money in the long term by providing a preventive maintenance program for levees rather than pouring millions into disaster relief; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby designate the City Manager as the liaison for this program.

Dated: April 15, 1987


I hereby certify that Resolution No. 87-48 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a Regular Meeting held April 15, 1987 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members - Hinchman, Pinkerton, Reid,
Snider, and Olson (Mayor)

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

ABSTAIN: Council Members - None


ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk